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Docket No. 12013/55202

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventors : Weiping LI et al.
Serial No. : 09/750,779
Filed : 2 January 2001
For : Controlled Delivery of Therapeutic Agents by Insertable
Medical Devices
Group Art Unit : 1633
Examiner : Not Assigned

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

Sir:

The above-captioned utility application was filed 2 January 2001, identifying as joint inventors Weiping LI, Hai-Quan MAO, and Kam W. LEONG. Because all efforts to obtain Dr. LEONG's signature on a Declaration had theretofore been unsuccessful, on 14 September 2001, a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 was submitted. This petition was accompanied by a Declaration executed only by inventors Weiping LI and Hai-Quan MAO.

On 26 November 2001, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued a decision which dismissed the petition. That decision stated that "the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor."

After the petition was submitted on 14 September 2001, further efforts were made to have inventor LEONG sign a declaration for this application. The inventor LEONG has now agreed to sign. Accordingly, accompanying this reply is a declaration signed by inventor

LEONG, as well as the other inventors.

The decision on the petition also indicated that the Declaration signed by inventors MAO and LI was defective in that it did not list the citizenship for each inventor. The new declaration submitted herewith remedies these deficiencies noted in the decision on the petition.

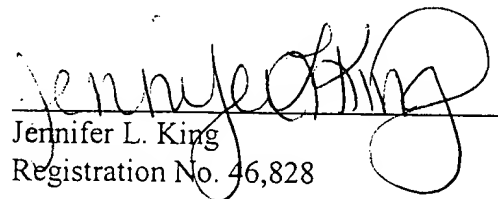
Because of the new declaration, all of the deficiencies in this application are believed to be cured. Applicants respectfully request that the declaration signed by all of the inventors be accepted and that this application be examined.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required in connection with this Request for Reconsideration to Deposit Account 11-0600.

The Applicants invite the Office of Petitions to contact the undersigned to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted

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